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persuade the body to agree with me on some of the changes I would like to make in this budget bill. I may be successful, I may not. But I intend to use these late nights that the Speaker has assigned because my colleagues want to stay here a long time, I want to use that time wisely and well. Since we're discussing the budget, we're going to be on the budget, unless you vote cloture. Maybe the Appropriations Committee would like to do that, and they will rescue the budget from any amendments that might be irresponsible. But that is what can be done. I don't know that we've had a committee bill clotured before. But I presume the Chairperson of the committee would be the one to make that motion. It would be a new thing to have a cloture vote on the budget to avoid discussing each one of these agencies. Now, when they come before the budget committee, those members have the opportunity to hear the rationale offered by these agencies for the money they want. The developmental discussions that take place in the committee, we members are not privy to. And I want to know. I have the right to know, and I have an obligation to know, and I'm going to find out, if it takes until snow falls and must be shoveled, whether here or in that hot place. And if I can keep us here until that hot place freezes over, I would not be adverse to doing that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm going to use this minute to digress. I had been trying to send young Senator Smith to Washington, when I find out that there's another that may be going to Washington--young Senator Erdman. Now, as between the two of them, if they're in the same district, Senator Erdman has my vote. What I might do is see if he will hire me on his farm so that I can establish residency there long enough to vote for him. And I will change my registration to "Repelican" so I can vote for him in the primary to go to Congress. Now, that's not just to get rid of him. He might think that, and others might, but that's not why. I think he'd do a good job there. So now that I've brought peace between Senator Smith and Senator Erdman, I think I will sit down. Thank...well, I'll stop. I don't sit down. But thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further